Housing Development Finance Corporation

446. SHRI M. S. GURUPA-DASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agencies of the United Nations have advanced heavy loans to the Housing De velopment Finance Corporation Ltd.;

(b) if so, what is the amount of loan or funds which have been re-ceived by Housing Development Finance Corporation since 1980 for development of housing in the country;

(c) whether Housing Development Finance Corporation has become a monopoly in financing housing projects;

(d) whether Housing Development Finance Corporaton has been swindling its borrowers by usurious methods; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take to protect the bor-rowes from this economic exploi-tion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Housing Develop ment Finance Corporation has intimated that the interest chargeable from the borrowers is calculated on the basis of annual rates. This is brought to the notice ofthe borrower at the time of submission of applica tion as also in the offer letter san ctioning the loan to him.

Creation of Councils of Rural Voluntary Agencies

447. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleastd to state

' |(a)' whether there is any proposal Sunder Government's consideration to create National and State Councils of rural voluntary agencies ana to formulate a "code of conduct for such bodies through an Act of Parliament;

' (b) whether this has been oppose by nearly 800 voluntary organisations; and

(c) if so, what is the final decision taken by Government in the matter •

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Clearance to Telugu-Ganga Project

448. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: DR. BAPU KALDATE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have refused to give clearance to the Telugu-Ganga Project pending inter-State differences to be ironed out;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this project is beyond the Jurisdiction of Bachawat Tribunal; and

(c) if so, whether Government have thought of any well-set policy